



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service**

South Carolina Crop Progress and Condition Report



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's South Carolina Field Office, there were 1.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, October 11, 2015. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.96 inches of rain up to 2.2 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the mid to the high 70s. Average low temperatures ranged from the low 50s to the low 60s.

County Extension Comments

"Pastures had a very bad summer. Some producers have reported up to 70% loss on hay production. Cattle are doing fair. Corn is being harvested but the rain we just received may have some sprouting in the fields. Cotton is growing again and the seed is starting to sprout. Soybeans are having some reports of beans sprouting also. The late planted soybeans are looking the best right now. Had rain reports from 5 inches to 22 inches."

Brandon Lambert, Chester County, District 20

"We are still working on getting an accurate picture of the economic impact of the floods in our state and specifically the Pee Dee. The loss is likely devastating. The cotton is sprouting in the field, peanuts are rotting, the early beans are rotting while the late beans are starting to lodge due to loss of roots."

Jacob Stokes, Florence County, District 30

"Excessive moisture has hurt peanuts, cotton, and some soybeans. Some fall vegetables have already died as result of flooding, and some on the sandy sites have been affected also. Field operations for fall grazing and haying operations will be delayed until fields dry down enough for equipment to operate. The full extent of the impact of excessive moisture will not be known until more time passes."

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County, District 50

"Parts of Colleton County received 8 to 11 inches of rainfall according to reports from various farmers. All crops negatively impacted including cotton, peanuts, vegetables, winter grazing, and soybeans. Will be days before farmers can resume harvest due to wet field and soil conditions."

Marion Barnes, Colleton County, District 80

Crop Progress for Week Ending 10/11/15

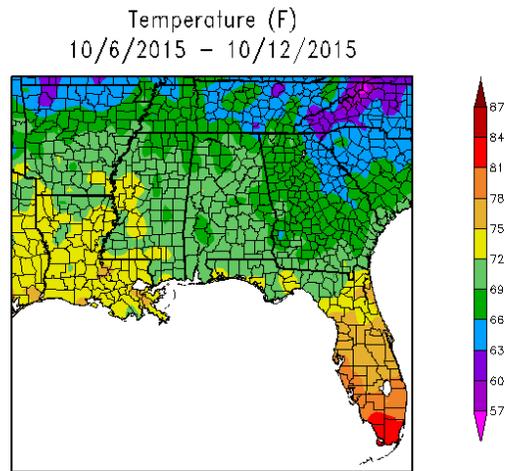
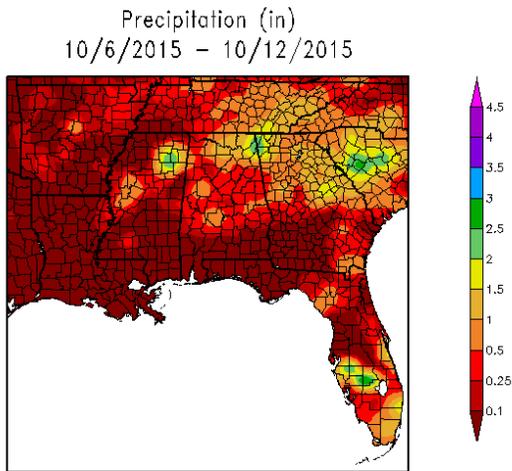
Crop stage	This week	Prev week	Prev year	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn - Harvested.....	97	96	98	98
Cotton - Bolls Opening...	93	88	86	84
Cotton - Harvested.....	16	12	15	17
Peanuts - Harvested.....	17	15	37	47
Soybeans - Setting Pods	99	98	99	98
Soybeans - Turning				
Color.....	41	32	73	58
Soybeans - Leaves				
Dropped.....	10	7	34	24
Soybeans - Mature.....	2	1	19	15
Tobacco - Harvested.....	96	92	NA	NA
Winter Wheat - Planted ..	10	4	27	19

Crop Condition for Week Ending 10/11/15

Crop	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cattle.....	0	3	16	80	1
Cotton.....	29	25	32	12	2
Pasture and range.....	5	11	38	44	2
Peanuts.....	13	19	41	24	3
Soybeans.....	20	21	28	28	3

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 10/11/15

Topsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	7
Short.....	0	0	32
Adequate.....	37	31	59
Surplus.....	63	69	2
Subsoil	This week	Previous week	5 Year avg
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	0	1	NA
Adequate.....	36	41	NA
Surplus.....	64	58	NA



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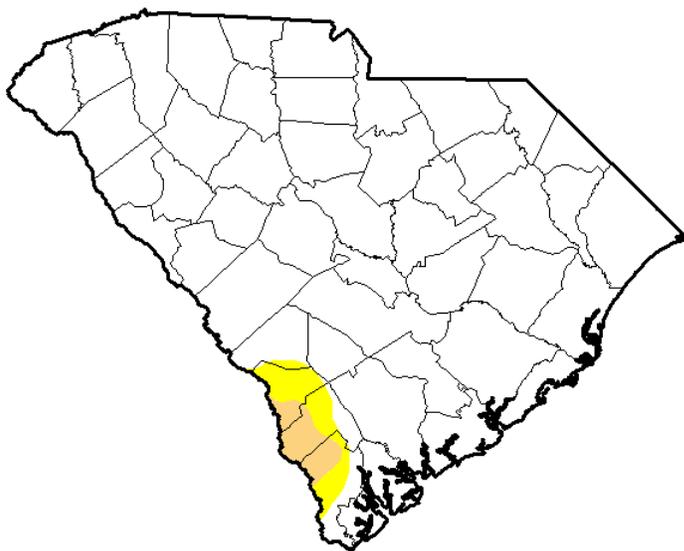
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For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary:
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2015.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

October 6, 2015
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	95.93	4.07	1.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 9/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 7/7/2015	33.06	66.94	38.43	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/02/014	96.63	3.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 9/29/2015	26.80	73.20	31.76	10.91	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 10/7/2014	68.83	31.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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